

## REMARKS

The office action rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Chemical Abstract 118: 102781 (J. Mol. Catalyst 1992) (Seehof et al.). In response, Formula 1a of claim 3 has been deleted and Formula 1 of claim 1 has been amended to differentiate the norbornene bridge  $X_1$  from the structure disclosed in Seehof thereby rendering claims 1-3 allowable over Seehof. An early action indicating the allowability of claims 1-3 is respectfully requested.

Claim 8 has been amended to differentiate its formula from that of amended claim 1. No new matter is added thereby.

Claims 4-23 stand allowed. Applicants earnestly solicit an early indicating that claims 1-23 have been allowed.

If the examiner has any questions regarding the above amendments, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

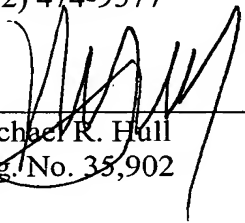
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Respectfully submitted,

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